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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
March 2023. Provisional data

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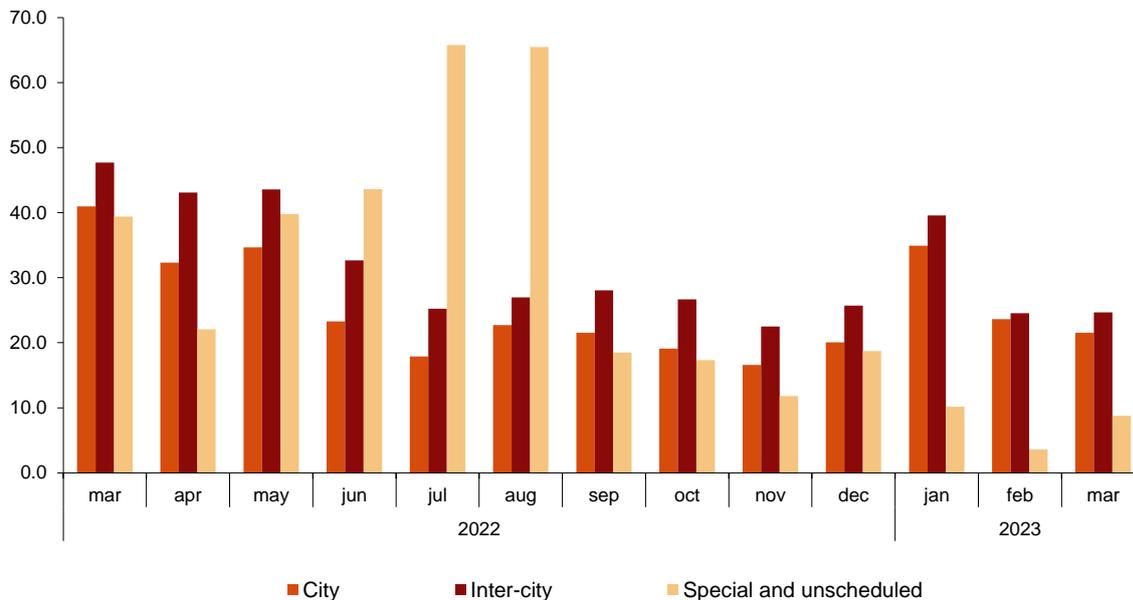
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 476.9 million passengers used public transport in March, 20.8% more than in the same month of 2022.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 21.5% and for inter-city transport 24.7%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 34.5% rise in the maritime transport.

Passenger Transport by mode of transport.

Annual rate. Percentage



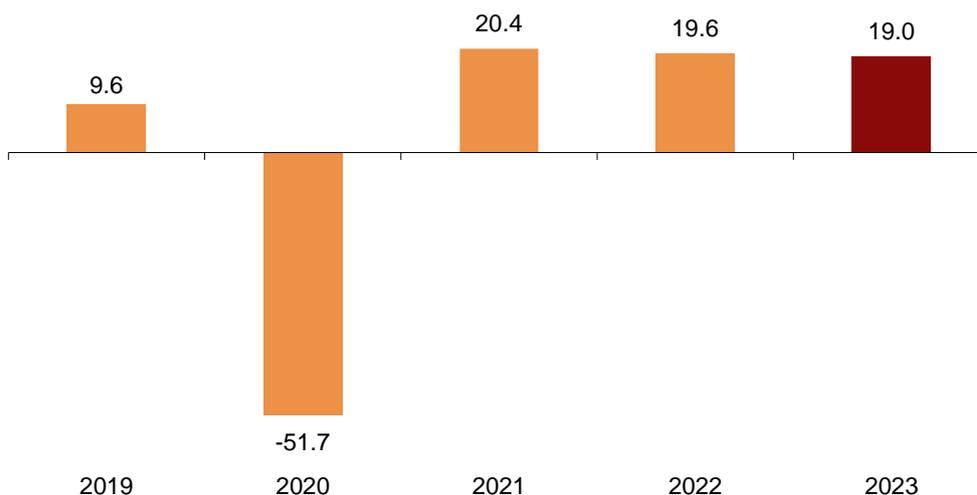
Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport. Percentage

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2022 March	41.0	47.7	39.4
April	32.3	43.1	22.1
May	34.7	43.6	39.8
June	23.3	32.7	43.6
July	17.9	25.2	65.8
August	22.7	27.0	65.5
September	21.5	28.1	18.5
October	19.1	26.7	17.3
November	16.6	22.5	11.8
December	20.1	25.7	18.7
2023 January	34.9	39.6	10.2
February	23.6	24.5	3.6
March	21.5	24.7	8.8

Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in March as compared with February was 19.0%. In order to contribute to the analysis and interpretation of data, the evolution of the monthly rate of public transport passengers in recent years is shown in the following chart.

**Evolution of the monthly rate of number of public passengers transport
Month-on-month rate of March as compared with February. Percentage**



City transport

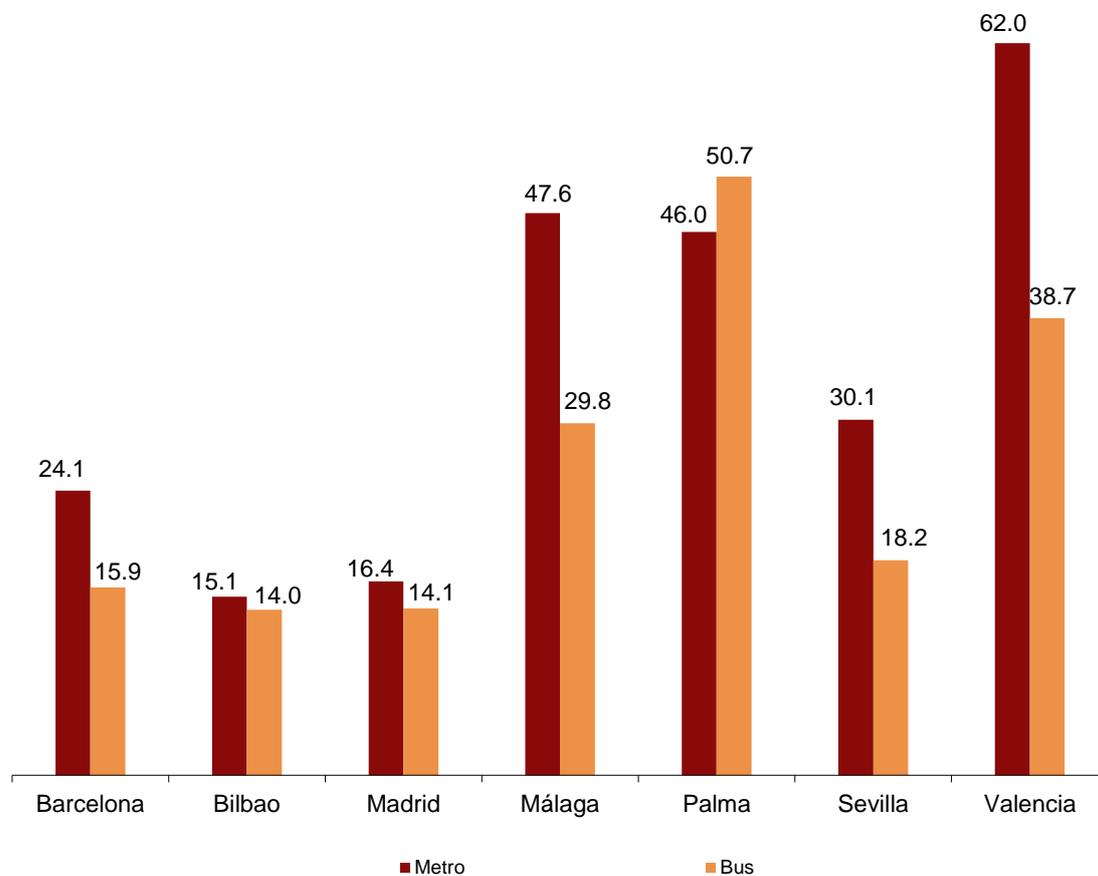
City transport was used by more than 289.3 million passengers in March, 21.5% more than in the same month of 2022.

Metro transport increased by 21.9% in annual rate. Valencia's metro registered the highest increase (62.0%), and Bilbao's the lowest (15.1%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Palma (50.7%), and Bilbao's the lowest (14.0%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. March 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage



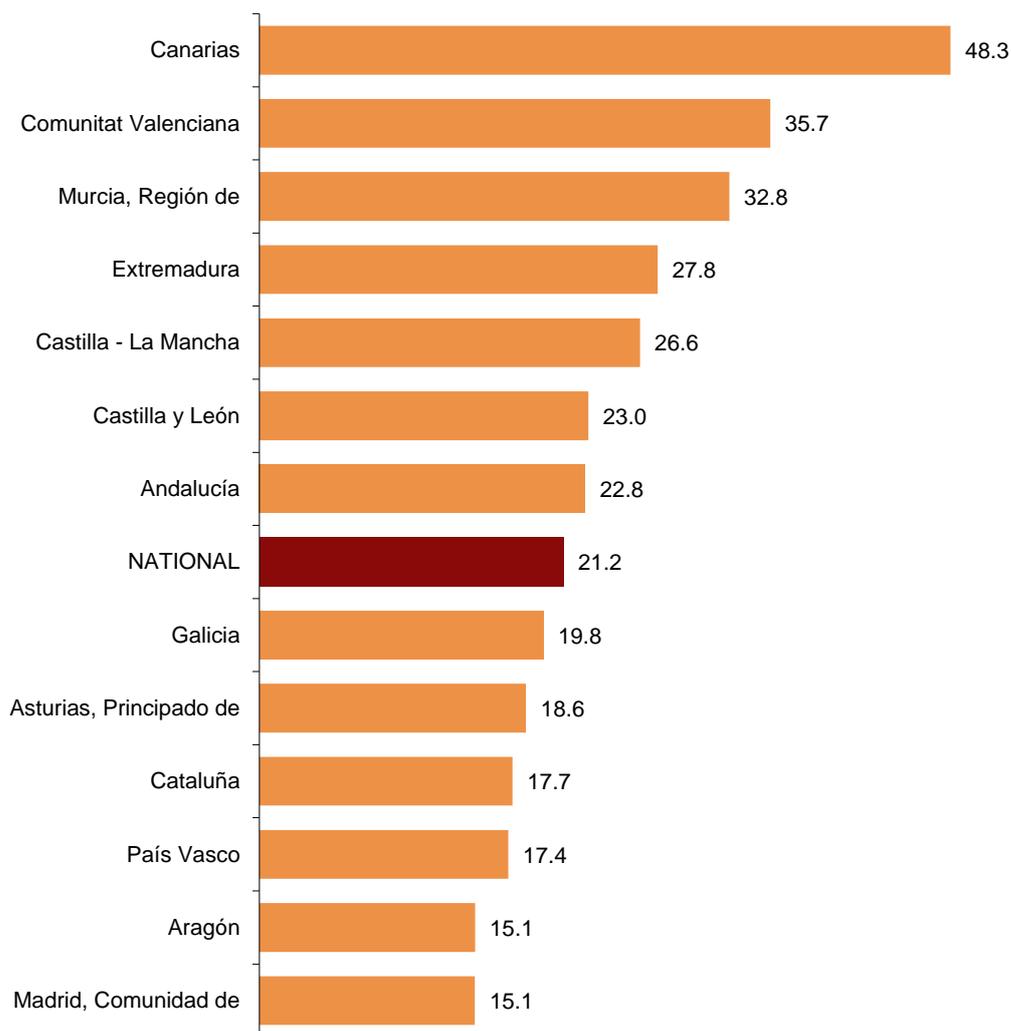
City transport by bus increased by 21.2% in March, as compared with the same month of 2022.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Canarias (48.3%), Comunitat Valenciana (35.7%) and Región de Murcia (32.8%).

In turn, Comunidad de Madrid and Aragón (15.1% in both cases) and País Vasco (17.4%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. March 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage



¹ In order to maintain statistical secrecy, data of Autonomous Communities of Illes Balears, Cantabria, Comunidad Foral de Navarra and La Rioja, and the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla are not separately published.

Inter-city transport

More than 135.6 million passengers used inter-city transport in March, representing a 24.7% increase as compared with the same month of 2022.

By mode of transport, the maritime transport increased by 34.5%, the rail transport by 29.5%, the air transport by 25.9%, and the bus transport by 20.4%.

Commuter transport increased by 17.1% by bus and by rail transport by 28.2%. Regional transport increased by 28.6% by bus and by 76.4% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 36.5% by bus and by 7.9% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) increased by 7.8%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. March 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
Bus	69,169	20.4
Local	48,649	17.1
Regional	19,330	28.6
Long-distance	1,190	36.5
Rail ¹	62,090	29.5
Local	55,339	28.2
Regional	4,136	76.4
Long-distance	2,615	7.9
High Speed ²	1,833	7.8
Rest of long-distance rail	782	8.1
Air (domestic)	3,585	25.9
Mainland Spain	1,418	32.2
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,676	22.8
Inter-island	491	19.7
Maritime (cabotage)	758	34.5

¹ Local rail includes RENFE and all autonomic rail operators and regional and long-distance rail include only RENFE.

² High Speed, in the case of RENFE, includes AVE and AVLO.

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 52.0 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in March, indicating an increase of 8.8% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 1.9%, reaching more than 34.9 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 0.4% and work transport did so by 7.5%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 39.9% as compared with the same month of 2022, with more than 17.0 million passengers.

Revisions and data update

On the press release day, INE has updated PT data for the same month of the previous year. Results are available at INEBase.

Methodological note

The purpose of the Passenger Transport Statistics (PT) is to provide monthly information regarding the number of passengers transported by city transport (bus and metropolitan), inter-city transport (road, rail, air and sea) and special and unscheduled bus transport.

Road transport is researched through a simple survey. For rail transport, the number of passengers is calculated using the information provided by the railway operators (RENFE and other autonomous companies). The information for air transport is provided by Civil Aviation, and for sea transport, the number of passengers disembarked is compiled using information from State Ports.

Survey Type: ongoing monthly.

Population scope: companies involved in passenger transport irrespective of their main activity.

Geographical scope: the whole country.

Reference period of the results: month.

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Sample size: Approximately 1,500 companies.

Type of sampling: stratified random sampling of companies, by Autonomous Communities, number of employees and type of transport.

Collection method: fill in a questionnaire by respondent using one of the following methods: internet (IRIA system), email, fax, telephone or post.

Further information is available in the methodology:

http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736176906&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576820

And in the standardized methodological report:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/en/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30163>

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1. Passenger transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT	476,967	20.8	24.7
City transport	289,350	21.5	26.1
Inter-city transport	135,603	24.7	28.9
Special and unscheduled transport	52,014	8.8	7.4

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	289,350	21.5	26.1
Metro	123,181	21.9	28.7
Bus ¹	166,169	21.2	24.2

¹ Including trams and funiculars.

2.1 City transport in major cities with Metro

		Passengers transported (thousands)	% variation	
			Annual	Year-to-date average
Barcelona	City bus	19,346	15.9	17.9
	Metro	40,395	24.1	30.6
Bilbao	City bus	3,261	14.0	16.7
	Metro	8,414	15.1	19.5
Madrid	City bus	40,368	14.1	20.0
	Metro	61,493	16.4	24.7
Málaga	City bus	4,078	29.8	31.1
	Metro	876	47.6	45.8
Palma	City bus	4,160	50.7	49.1
	Metro	205	46.0	62.0
Sevilla	City bus	7,402	18.2	18.9
	Metro	1,892	30.1	36.1
Valencia	City bus	9,026	38.7	42.6
	Metro	9,906	62.0	64.2

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	166,169	21.2	24.2
Andalucía	20,615	22.8	24.0
Aragón	10,643	15.1	21.6
Asturias, Principado de	3,005	18.6	21.4
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	7,600	48.3	46.1
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	6,245	23.0	24.8
Castilla - La Mancha	1,896	26.6	26.6
Cataluña	27,576	17.7	19.2
Comunitat Valenciana	14,222	35.7	38.6
Extremadura	1,078	27.8	25.7
Galicia	5,314	19.8	19.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	46,724	15.1	20.6
Murcia, Región de	2,060	32.8	29.0
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	7,939	17.4	21.0
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

(.) Data not available due to statistical secrecy.

3. Inter-city transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
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INTER-CITY TRANSPORT	135,603	24.7	28.9
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4. Special and unscheduled transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT	52,014	8.8	7.4
Special	34,949	-1.9	-3.4
School	28,091	-0.4	-2.8
Work	6,858	-7.5	-5.5
Unscheduled	17,065	39.9	47.6